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BANGKOK, PASS TO REFUGEE COORDINATOR BARNES

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SUBJ: THAI FLAG PRIATE VESSEL

1. BOAT NO. VNKG 0041 ADC WAS ROBBED BY THAI PRIATES AT POINT
210 DEGREES AND 200 K.. SOUTH-WEST OD CAMAU VIETNAM
ON JULY 15 JULY 1978. VICTIMS' STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT PIRATE
BOAT AND PIRATES ARE THE SAME AS THOSE INVOLVED IN ABDUCTION
OF TWO VIETNAMESE FEMALE REFUGEES, ON DIEU LING, AGED 14,
AND TO THI BICH PHUONG, AGED 13, FROM BOAT NO. MH 3636DCB
ON 22 MAY 1978.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THAI PIRATE BOAT IS AS FOLLOWS:
30 METERS LONG, 4-1/2 METER BEAM, DARK REDDISH BROWN HULL,
WHITE BACIN WITH A DARK BRWON AREA NEAR THE TOP OF CABIN,
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THAI LETTERS PAINTED IN YELLOW ON THE BOW OF THE BOAT, A
LIGHT GREEN FISH (SEAHORSE) ALSO PAINTED ON BOW. VESSLE
CARRIED WHITE WATER TANK ON STERN.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PIRATES MATCHES THAT GIVE BY VICTIMS
OF INCIDENT REPORTED TO BANGKOK, THROUGH STERNBERG, IN JUNE,
1978. THAT IS -10 TO 20 INDIVIDUALS ABOUT HALF OF WHOM HAVE

BEARD AND ARE BETWEEN 30-45 YRS OLD; AND ABOUT HALF OF WHOM
ARE YOUNG 14-18 YRS WITH NO FACIAL HAIR.

4. THE M.O. OF PIRATES IN BOTH INSTANCES WAS VITUALLY IDENTICAL.
BOTH TIMES ONLY ONE GUN, A.45 CAL AUTOMATIC PISTOL, WAS
DISPLAYED BUT KNIVES, SWORDS, AND HAMMERS WERE USED BY PIRATES TO
INTIMIDATE REFUGEES.

5. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS THE SIGHTING OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS ON
THAI BOAT BY VICTIMS OF 15 JULY INCIDENT. DESCRIPTIONS FURNISHED
BY REFUGEE VICTIMS LED INTERVIEWING EMBOGG TO BELIEVE THAT TWO
FEMALES MAY WELL BE TWO REFUGEES ABDUCTED ON 22 MAY. ONE
REFUGEE WITNESS, NGUEYN MINH TUAN, 10 YEAR OLD BOY, STATED
HE SAW THAI PRIATE PUSH TWO GIRLS TO DECK OF CABIN ON THAI
BOAT IN A ROUGH AND HURRIED MANNER.

6. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES SUBJECT VESSEL PROVIDED IN HOPES NAVAL
VESSELS OR MARINE POLICE ON PATROL BEARING AND LATITUDE LAST
SIGTING WILL INTERCED TO HALT PREDATIONS OF PRIATE VESSEL AND,
POSSIBLY RESCUE ABDUCTED YOUNG REFUGEE GIRLS.
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